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- During August 1953 several groups of five or six Chinese Communist air force ground personnel were seen on the streets of Chiahsing (N 30-46, E 120-45). These men wore grast-colored jackets and blue trousers.
- 2. In November 1953 it was public knowledge in Chiahsing that construction or repair work at Chiahsing Airfield had been begun and then stopped. While work on the field had been in progress, residents of neighboring villages who were judged to be loyal had been assigned to work as laborers on the field, carrying sand and dirt at the very high daily wage of 15 catties of rice. Each laborer normally worked on the field for a period of a month. Before early October persons previously assigned to this work were unexpectedly dismissed.
- 3. By October a new highway had been built from Chiahsing to the airfield.3
- 4. In November it was common knowledge and a general subject of conversation among Nanch'ang (N 28-40, E 115-53) residents that Nanch'ang Airfield had been in use since January 1953. During 1953 there was less activity at the field than there had been when the field was used by the Chinese Nationalists.

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25X1	1.	Comment. Before the fall of Tinghai (N 30-03, E 122-06) to the Chinese Communists in May 1950, repair work had begun on Chiahsing Airfield. This work was abandoned after the fall of Tinghai.
25X1	2.	Comment. Although construction was halted, it would be a mistake to assume that this means that a firm decision had been made not to make the field usable.
25X1 25X1		Comment. there is a clear implication that Chiahsing Airfield was not serviceable during 1953. This is at variance with available information which suggests that piston-engined aircraft were possibly using the field during 1953.
25X1 <sub>25X1</sub>	3,	Comment. definitely stated that this highway was newly built rather than merely repaired.
25X1	4.	Comment. Since plane arrivals and departures at Nanch'ang were commonly commented upon by Nanch'ang residents, air activity at the field was probably 25X1 limited.
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•		that Nanch'ang New Airfield was being improved and extended and that
		believed that only one conventional single-engined fighter was based at the field
		at that time. However, Nationalist reports have placed the Chinese Communist 25X1 Air Division at Nanch'ang since April 1953.

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